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1. PLEASE FORWARD TO SYG LUNS FOLLOWING MESSAGE ON BEHALF
PRESIDENT FORD:

"DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL: YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING
MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. YOU MAY BE ASSURED
THAT ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL
CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD OUR COMMON GOAL OF A STRONG
AND DURABLE ALLIANCE AND A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL
MANKIND. SIGNED GERALD R. FORD."

2. FYI. LUNS MESSAGE, DATED AUGUST 9, WAS AS FOLLOWS:

"AS YOU ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENCY,
PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES FOR EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR HIGH
MISSION. I FEEL, SIR, THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP YOUR GREAT
COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE
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ALLIANCE WHOSE IDEALS WE ALL SHARE. I LOOK FORWARD TO

WORKING WITH YOU TO MEET THE MANY CHALLENGES WHICH JUSTIFY
THE EXISTENCE OF A STRONG NATO FOR A DURABLE PEACE." KISSINGER

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